Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

broadcasting a multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification by a data network as a result of a network-initiated creation of a multimedia broadcast/multicast service context;

receiving, at a terminal, said multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification from said data network;

setting up a terminal connection between said terminal and a network controlling device in response to the receipt of said multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification at said terminal;

sending, by said terminal, a multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication via said terminal connection to the data network;

receiving, at said network controlling device a confirmation of authorized service activation from a subscriber control element; and

establishing, by said network controlling device, an association between said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context and said terminal connection based on a network response to said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication is sent in a dedicated service indication message.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication is sent in a message used for signaling a connection request or connection completion of said terminal connection.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein said message is a radio resource control message.

5.- 8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication is sent in a direct transfer message.

10.-12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said terminal connection is a radio resource control connection.

14.- 36. (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

issuing a multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification to at least one terminal as a result of a creation of a multimedia broadcast/multicast service context, said creation being initiated by a data network;

forwarding, by a network controlling device, a multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication received via a terminal connection to a node of the data network;

receiving, at said network controlling device, a confirmation of authorized service activation from a subscriber control element; and

establishing, by said network controlling device, an association between said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context and said terminal connection based on a network response to said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication.

38. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein said forwarding the multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication comprises forwarding an enhanced message from said network controlling device to the network node having initiated said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context creation, said enhanced message requesting confirmation of authorization of the service of said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context.

39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein said network response comprises said confirmation of authorized service activation.

40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein said confirmation of authorized service activation is provided by said subscriber control element upon a joining phase for multicast activation.

41. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication is forwarded in a direct transfer message to a network node having initiated said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context creation.

42. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 38, wherein said network node is a serving general packet radio service support node.

43. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein said subscriber control element is a serving general packet radio service support node, or a gateway general packet radio service support node, or a network element controlled by a service provider.

44. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37, wherein said terminal connection is a radio resource control connection.

45. (Canceled).

46. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein said establishing said association comprises adding said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication into an active set of terminal connections and generating an association between said terminal connection and said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context.

47. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, further comprising releasing, by said network controlling device, said terminal connection if said network response indicates that the service of said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context is not confirmed.

48. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, further comprising extracting said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication from a connection request or connection complete message or from a dedicated message.

49-54. (Canceled).

55. (Currently Amended) A network controlling device, said network controlling device comprising a processor configured to cause said network controlling device to:

issue a multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification to at least one terminal as a result of a creation of a multimedia broadcast/multicast service context, said creation being initiated by a data network;

forward to said data network a multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication received via a terminal connection;

receive from a subscriber control element a confirmation of authorized service activation; and

establish a link between the multimedia broadcast/multicast service context and the terminal connection based on a network response to said forwarded multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication.

56. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 55, wherein said processor is further configured to extract said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication from a connection request or connection complete message or from a dedicated message.

57. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 56, wherein said messages are radio resource control messages.

58. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 55, wherein said processor is configured to cause said network controlling device to forward said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication in a direct transfer message received via said terminal connection.

59. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 55, wherein said processor is configured to cause said network controlling device to forward said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication in a radio access network application protocol message.

60. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 59, wherein said radio access network application protocol message is an initial user equipment message.

61. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 55, wherein said processor is further configured to add said multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication into an active set of terminal connections and to generate an association between said terminal connection and said multimedia broadcast/multicast service context.

62. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 55, wherein said network controlling device is a radio network controller.

63. (Currently Amended) A system for establishing a link between a multimedia broadcast/multicast service context and a terminal connection, said system comprising:

a terminal device; and

a data network comprising a network controlling device,

said terminal device being configured to:

receive a multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification from a data network;

set up a terminal connection between said terminal and said network controlling device in response to the receipt of said multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification at said terminal; and

send a multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication via said terminal connection to the data network; and

said network controlling device being configured to:

issue a multimedia broadcast/multicast service notification to at least

one terminal as a result of a creation of a multimedia broadcast/multicast service context, said creation being initiated by said data network;

forward to said data network a multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication received via said terminal connection;

receive from a subscriber control element a confirmation of authorized service activation; and

establish a link between the multimedia broadcast/multicast service context and the terminal connection based on a network response to said forwarded multimedia broadcast/multicast service indication.

64. (Canceled).

65. (Canceled).